

Descriptive Summary:

Creator:	Benajah Harvey Carroll
Title:	Benajah Harvey Carroll Papers
Inclusive Dates:	1875-1939, undated
Bulk Dates:	1875-1913, undated
Abstract:	The Benajah Harvey Carroll Papers consist of documents related to the life of Benajah Harvey Carroll. The papers include correspondence, financial records, and literary productions regarding the various positions Carroll held throughout his life.
Accession #:	#0089
Extent:	3.15 linear feet (7 boxes)
Language:	Collection is in English
Repository:	The Texas Collection, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Biographical Note:

These papers provide a unique insight into the life and works of Dr. Benajah Harvey Carroll. Carroll was the pastor of First Baptist Church in Waco, chairman of the board of trustees of Baylor University, a professor at Baylor, secretary of the Texas Baptist Education Commission, and he founded Baylor Theological Seminary in 1905. Baylor Theological Seminary became Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Carroll served as its president until his death on 1914 November 11.

Benajah Harvey Carroll was born 1843 December 27. He attended Baylor University at Independence until 1861, the beginning of the American Civil War, when he left school to enlist in the Texas Rangers. He later joined the 17th Texas Infantry of the Confederate Army where he served until he was wounded in 1864. A self-identifying skeptic, in 1865 Carroll was converted to Christianity after attending a Methodist Camp meeting. He was ordained as a Baptist minister the next year.

Carroll married his first wife, Ellen Virginia Bell, in 1866. The two had nine children together. After a short time preaching in small churches throughout central Texas, Carroll was called to become pastor of the First Baptist Church in Waco in 1870. He served there for almost thirty years, until he resigned to become secretary of the Texas Baptist Education Commission in 1899. During his time as pastor, he was instrumental in unifying Texas Baptists under the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Much of the correspondence contained in these papers is related to Carroll's role as a leader among Texas Baptists.

Also during his tenure at First Baptist Church in Waco, Carroll served for fifteen years on the board of trustees for Baylor University. Often a magnet for controversy, as chairman of the board Carroll was at the center of the transition of Rufus Burleson from acting President of Baylor to President Emeritus in 1897. These papers contain many letters to and from Carroll debating the Burleson controversy.

During his time in Waco, Carroll also served as a professor, teaching Bible and theology classes. He was well respected by his students and had a reputation as an accomplished lecturer. Many of his lectures were transcribed and kept, allowing a rich insight into his classroom. Numerous notebooks containing class notes and exams written by Carroll's students while attending his class are included in these papers.

After the death of his first wife, Carroll married Hallie Harrison in 1899. The marriage produced one child. Between 1889 and 1906, Carroll led a fundraising campaign to reduce Baylor's debt. These papers contain correspondence relating to these fundraising campaigns. In 1905, Carroll founded Baylor Theological Seminary, which later moved to Fort Worth and became Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as its president until his death.

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Scope and Content:

These papers were a gift from an unknown donor at an unknown date. These papers contain correspondence, financial records and literary productions.

Organization and Arrangement:

The Benajah Harvey Carroll Papers, 1875-1939, undated, are arranged in 3 series: I. Correspondence, II. Financial Records, and III. Literary Productions.

Restrictions: The collection is open for research.

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Index Terms:

Carroll, B. H. (Benajah Harvey), 1843-1914.
 Southern Baptist Convention -- Texas -- Clergy -- Biography.
 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary -- History.
 Baylor University -- History.
 Baptists -- Texas -- Clergy -- Biography.
 Baptist universities and colleges -- Texas -- Waco -- History.
 Texas -- Biography.
 Waco (Tex.) -- Church history.

Related Materials:

Burleson (Rufus Columbus) Collection #0057.
 William Cowper Brann Collection #0045.
 George Washington Truett Collection #0095.

Separated Materials: None.

Custodial History:

Acquisition:	Gift at unknown time from an unknown donor.
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Container List:**Series I: Correspondence, 1875-1930, undated, 1 box.**

Series includes Benajah Harvey Carroll's correspondence about Baylor, Southwestern Theological Seminary, and First Baptist Church of Waco. It also includes three letters regarding the Clements Family. Two Clements' daughters were pupils of Carroll. This series is in average to excellent condition.

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
1	1	Correspondence: General	1875-1891
1	2	Correspondence: General	1892-1893
1	3	Correspondence: General	1894-1896
1	4	Correspondence: General	1897
1	5	Correspondence: General	1878-1898, undated
1	6	Correspondence: General	1898-1910
1	7	Correspondence: General (1 of 2)	undated
1	8	Correspondence: General (2 of 2)	undated

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
1	9	Correspondence: Regarding the Clements Family	1914-1930

Series II: Financial Records, 1895-1896, undated, 1 Folder

This series includes expense reports and financial ledgers and it is in good condition.

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
1	10	Financial Records	1895-1896, undated

Series III: Literary Productions, 1875-1939, undated, 7 boxes.

This series is the largest of the Benajah Harvey Carroll Papers. Included are numerous sermons and lectures given by Carroll during his appointments at First Baptist Church of Waco, Baylor University, and Southwestern Theological Seminary. Also included is a collection of class notes taken by three different students in Carroll's classes. This series is in average to good condition.

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
1	11	Literary Productions: Tracts	Undated
1	12	Literary Productions: Addresses	Undated
1	13	Literary Productions: Sermons	1876-1877
1	14	Literary Productions: Sermons	1884-1893
1	15	Literary Productions: Sermons	1900-1903
2	1	Literary Productions: Sermons	Undated
2	2	Literary Productions: Lectures (1 of 3)	1913
2	3	Literary Productions: Lectures (2 of 3)	1913
2	4	Literary Productions: Lectures (3 of 3)	1913
2	5	Literary Productions: Lectures	1909
2	6	Literary Productions: Lectures	1909 November 10-31
2	7	Literary Productions: Lectures	1909 December 1-20
3	1	Literary Productions: Lectures	1910 January 3-31
3	2	Literary Productions: Lectures	1910 February 2-16
3	3	Literary Productions: Lectures	1910 February 17-28
3	4	Literary Productions: Lectures	1910 March 1-15
3	5	Literary Productions: Lectures	1910 March 16-31
BOX	FOLDER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES

NUMBER	NUMBER		
3	6	Literary Productions: Lectures	1910 April 1-15
3	7	Literary Productions: Lectures	1910 April
3	8	Literary Productions: Lectures	1910 May 2-13
3	9	Literary Productions: Lectures	1910, undated
3	10	Literary Productions: Lectures	1912 October 2-8
4	1	Literary Productions: Lectures	1912 October 10-21
4	2	Literary Productions: Lectures	1912 October 24- November 18
4	3	Literary Productions: Lectures	1912 November 19-29
4	4	Literary Productions: Clippings	undated
4	5	Literary Productions: Printed Material: Baylor	1910 May 5, undated
4	6	Literary Productions: Printed Material: Assorted	undated
4	7	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements	1901
4	8	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements (1 of 2)	1902
4	9	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements (2 of 2)	1902
4	10	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements (1 of 2)	1906
5	1	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements (2 of 2)	1906
5	2	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements (1 of 11)	undated
5	3	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements (2 of 11)	undated
5	4	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements (3 of 11)	undated
5	5	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements (4 of 11)	undated
5	6	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements (5 of 11)	undated
5	7	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements (6 of 11)	undated
5	8	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements (7 of 11)	undated
5	9	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements (8 of 11)	undated
5	10	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements (9 of 11)	undated

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
5	11	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements (10 of 11)	undated
5	12	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Lydia Clements (11 of 11)	undated
6	1	Literary Productions: Class Notes: Eualee Trice	1926
6	2	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements	1902
6	3	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements	1903
6	4	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements	1906
6	5	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements	1906-1907
6	6	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements (1 of 12)	undated
6	7	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements (2 of 12)	undated
6	8	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements (3 of 12)	undated
6	9	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements (4 of 12)	undated
7	1	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements (5 of 12)	undated
7	2	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements (6 of 12)	undated
7	3	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements (7 of 12)	undated
7	4	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements (8 of 12)	undated
7	5	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements (9 of 12)	undated
7	6	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements (10 of 12)	undated
7	7	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements (11 of 12)	undated
7	8	Literary Productions: Class Notes, Dora Clements (12 of 12)	undated
7	9	Literary Productions, Yearbook	1939